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1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED BY HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBER OF CURRENT STATUS PLANS FOR HEARINGS ON KOREA BY CONGRESSMAN FRASER. ACCORDING TO STAFF MEMBER, NON-USG WITNESSES WILL BE INVITED TO TESTIFY ON KOREA MAY 20 AND JUNE 3. APPEARANCE OF DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 12. HEARINGS WILL BE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN MID MAY.

2. STAFF MEMBER STATED COMMITTEE PLANS TO INVITE HARVARD PROFESSORS JEROME COHEN AND, POSSIBLY, EDWIN O. REISCHAUER TO APPEAR. IN ADDITION, THEY ARE CONSIDERING INVITING KOREAN FIGURES. STAFF MEMBER SAID KUKMIN COLLEGE DEAN PAK CHONG SU TOLD FRASER DURING HIS VISIT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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SEOUL THAT HE WAS WILLING APPEAR AT HEARINGS. STAFF

MEMBER CHARACTERIZED PAK AS PRO-ROKG WITNESS. IF PAK AGREES TO APPEAR, NDP LEADER KIM YONG SAM WOULDTHEN BE INVITED. (WE WILL EXPRESS OUR RESERVATIONS INFORMALLY TO COMMITTEE STAFF RE KIM INVITATION.)

- 3. REPORT ON FRASER VISIT TO KOREA AND PHILIPPINES IS NOW EXPECTED TO APPEAR IN EARLY MAY.
- 4. STAFF MEMBER REFERRED TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CONCERN FOR POET KIM CHI HA AND ASKED FOR AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON CONDITION OF KIM. HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT STATUS AND CONDITION OF REV. KIM KWAN SOK AND REV. PAK HYONGKYU. WE WILL USE YOUR REPLY TO REF C TO ANSWER QUERY ON KIM. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON TWO IMPRISONED NCCK OFFICIALS.

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